

RIVALS PROUD OF OFFICIAL RECORDS

Prendergast and Metz Stand for Business Efficiency in Comptroller's Office.

"JACKPOT" SYSTEM GONE

Incumbent Does Away With It —Opponent Urges Common Sense in Buying Supplies.

Congressman A. Metz, the Tammany candidate for Comptroller, who preceded his rival, William A. Prendergast, in that position, is of the opinion that common sense should be exercised by the city in the purchase of its supplies and that the city will stand for the man who will handle his business in a sensible and intelligent fashion.

William A. Prendergast, the fusion candidate to succeed himself, says he considers the duties of his office the most serious and difficult in the city's government and seeks reelection on his record of accomplishments. He contends that he has abolished all forms of pull and favoritism and has brought about many reforms.

Congressman Metz's campaign bureau issued a statement yesterday in which it was said:

"In an issue of May 13, 1901, The New York Sun said:

"Congressman Metz thinks that the city should exercise common sense in buying supplies, make purchases in large quantities through one agency and get all the advantages to which large consumers are entitled. A few taxpayers will be apt to hope that Mr. Metz's recommendations will receive no attention. Is it too much to hope that Mr. Metz's recommendations will receive due consideration from the new government? Are we not to be made intelligent, too, disturbing, entirely sensible to command the approval of any municipal administration?"

It is because Congressman Metz believes that the people of New York want their business affairs handled in a sensible and intelligent manner by a sound and successful business man that they will re-elect him as Comptroller on election day, Oct. 15, according to his statement.

I must affirm at which Mr. Prendergast entered upon his duties as Comptroller he found the comptroller's office better organized for efficient service than had any of his predecessors. In 1901 Mr. Metz began his reorganization and in the following year the Chamber of Commerce, which had conducted an expert inquiry into the progress of his plans, reported the following:

"Last situation has developed in which there is a prospect of better things through the establishment of a new system adapted to the complex nature of the city government. The controller of the city has begun the installation of this system, the heads of the different departments, as a rule, and the heads of the various bureaus have manifested a commendable spirit of cooperation. Here at last are we face to face with the opportunity of creating in the administration of the city a system of bookkeeping such as will unite the hands of good officials, expose the schemes of bad officials, and make it possible to fix responsibility for every act, so as to cover them together with their eyes open to every essential fact. Nothing in the history of New York in at least two decades is so full of promise for the future welfare of the city as this."

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nation. This system is in smaller part the system suggested by the Bureau of Municipal Research to Comptroller Metz, but in greater part it represents a system devised by this administration.

Through the pre-billing system of revenue collection I have established an accurate record on the receipt of more than \$100,000,000 through taxes, water rents and other sources. An adequate system of auditing all other receipts of the city has been achieved through the establishment of the division of audit of receipts.

I have set up and there is now in current operation a general ledger of the city of New York from which is taken daily a statement of all assets and liabilities of the city. This great work had been talked about by others. It has been done by my administration.

In general I have made use of the most modern labor-saving methods and devices and the result is that in many fields of work a greatly reduced number of employees are doing a larger quantity of work better and more rapidly than ever before.

An administrative financial officer of the city I have broadened the market for city securities by giving these securities a good rating in the money centers of England, France and Germany. Such a work as this must necessarily cover a period of years. It is by no means fully accomplished. The effort should be continued, and I believe that I know how to do this effectively.

By adopting the "corporate stock note" system more than \$100,000 annually has been saved, and through this system the city is now able to pay promptly obligations chargeable to corporate stock issues, such as awards for lands taken by the city and the like.

Had Plenty of Work to Do.

As financial adviser of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the work of the Comptroller is continuous and exacting. All matters involving the prospective expenditure of money are referred to him by the board. He is made a member of nearly all committees of the board appointed to study the larger questions of public improvement, and is made chairman of many of them. No enumeration of the specific problems faced by me as financial adviser of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment belongs particularly to Mr. McAuley. I claim credit, however, for giving substantial assistance and support in the fight led by him and in the final settlement so favorable to the city. In my appeal for reelection I wish to stand primarily on the contracts as ratified by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

A strong effort is being made to make the subway contracts an issue in this campaign, so far for solving the tremendous problem which confronts the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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FOUR TICKETS IN NASSAU.

Some Candidates Appear on Two or More States.

MINEOLA, L. I., Oct. 10.—There are four tickets in Nassau county, the home of ex-President Roosevelt. They are the Republican, Democratic, Progressive and Independence League. There is a possibility of a fifth ticket, as some of the candidates have indicated.

The Democrats have endorsed LeRoy J. Wood, a Progressive, who won at the primaries, for the Assembly, but have no candidate for Comptroller. John Gilligan, who was nominated, declined. The Republicans have nominated for Assembly John Lyon, a Democrat, who is serving out a term as Comptroller, being succeeded by Arthur H. Titus, an independent. The Democrats endorsed Adrian J. Courtney, the Progressive candidate for County Clerk Daniel J. Hogan, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer, is on the Progressive ticket. The Independence League people have made up a combination ticket of Democrats, Republicans and Progressives. John J. Murphy, a Republican candidate for Assembly, has petitioned to have his name on the Citizens ticket.

The entire arrangement is one of the most peculiar the county voters have had placed before them, and no one can forecast the outcome. The county had a Democratic tidal wave three years ago.

The Democrats were divided at the recent district primaries, but have come together. The Republicans say that they will elect their entire ticket with possibly one exception—the County Treasurer.

This is the first time the Progressives have had a complete county ticket in the field.

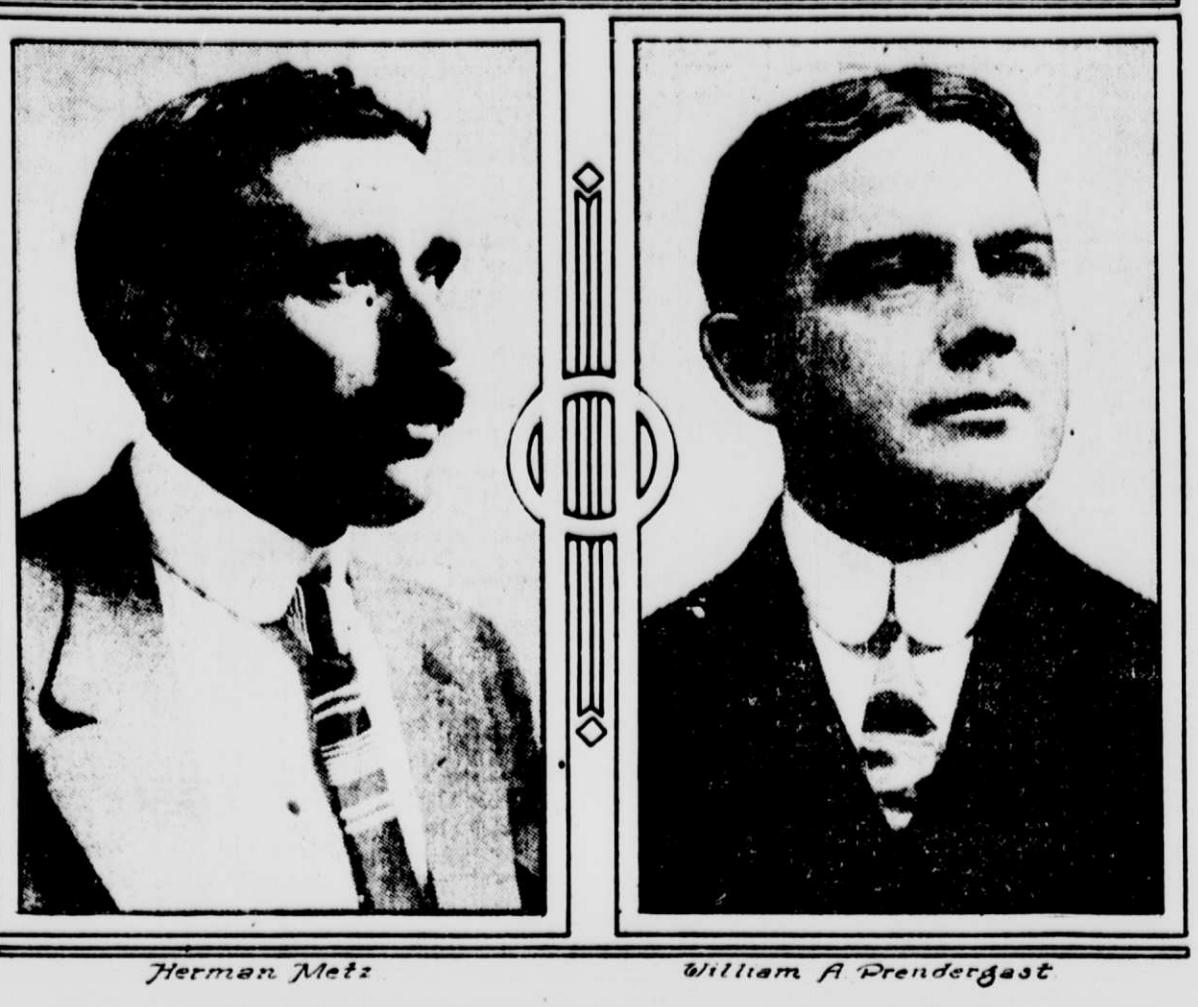
Indian May Be a Judge.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Oct. 10.—Thomas Mani, State Attorney of Roberts county, has announced himself as a candidate for the appointment of Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to complete the term of Judge Frank M. O'Brien, who has been re-appointed to the Congressional race in this district. Mr. Mani is a fullblood Indian who has made an enviable record as an attorney at Sisseton and later as State Attorney of Roberts county.

Abolished "Jackpot" System.

I have segregated all the cash accounts of the city and have abolished the old "jackpot" system, under which there was grown up an apparent deficit of \$10,000,000 in the fall of 1909.

I have established a complete system of controlling accounts in the Finance Department and installed the corresponding department accounts in all city departments. In reconciling the outstanding accounts of the departments with those of the Finance Department, I have turned back to the general fund for the reduction of taxation more than \$18,000,000 of funds dormant for New York city is now the model for the cities of the entire



Herman Metz

William A. Prendergast

The Ticket in Greater New York

DEMOCRATS.

For Mayor—Edward E. McCall of Manhattan. For Comptroller—Herman A. Metz of Brooklyn.

For President of the Board of Aldermen—Joseph A. Goulden of the Bronx.

For Borough President—Dr. Thomas Darling.

For Supreme Court Justice, First Judicial District—John E. Keegan of Brooklyn, Bartow S. Weeks of Bronx. Judges of General Sessions—Warren W. Foster, Lorenz Zeller.

Judge of City Court—Robert Lee Lucy.

Surrogate—John J. Doherty.

For District Attorney—Charles S. Whitman.

For Register—Malvina Deches.

For Coroners—Julius Hirschberg, Dr. John W. Pfeiffer, Richard J. Delaney, Eugene H. Johnson.

*Renominated.

MUNICIPAL JUSTICE.

District—Gustave Hartman.

CONGRESSMEN.

Dist. 1—Dr. S. M. Bragen.

Dist. 2—Louis H. Unterman.

Dist. 3—Morris Schlesinger.

Dist. 4—Samuel W. Hoff.

Dist. 5—Wm. D. English.

Dist. 6—Bernard Collo.

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ASSEMBLYMEN.

Dist. 1—C. E. Coughlin.

Dist. 2—John J. Carroll.

Dist. 3—John F. McHugh.

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